

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW YORK ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

MEETING OF MAY 2, 1916.

A regular meeting of the New York Entomological Society was held on May 2, 1916, at 8:15 P.M., in the American Museum of Natural History, President Harry G. Barber in the chair, with seventeen members and three visitors present.

The Curator reported gift of insects from Natal from Mr. S. G. Rich.

Mr. Wunder for the Outing Committee, brought up a Decoration Day meeting at Lahaway for discussion. The Secretary was instructed to put a notice in the Bulletin and further action was deferred to the next meeting.

Mr. Schaeffer for the Publication Committee, reported progress and interest shown in the Van Duzee List.

Dr. J. Bequaert read "Remarks on North American Nycteribiids," illustrated by specimens of these bat parasites and the related Streblidæ of similar habits, pointing out the comparative scarcity of Nycteribiidæ in the new world, three species only being known out of fifty-four described in the family. The taxonomy of the family was discussed and will be published later.

The paper was discussed by the President and Dr. Lutz.

Mr. Watson exhibited *Atrytone zabulon*, contributing a note in reference thereto, which will be printed in Miscellaneous Notes; also a small collection of Lepidoptera from the River Amazon, between Para and Manaos, collected by Dr. J. P. Thornley, on board a steamer during February; and several boxes of Florida Rhopalocera, collected by the Museum Expedition of 1914, covering northern Florida, from Jacksonville to Pensacola, September 25 to October 21. Mr. Watson said that the total number of species and varieties was 73, of which 60 were found at Gainesville. The best single day's collection was on September 28 at Gainesville, when 35 species and varieties were taken; but at Pensacola four males of *Thanaos funeralis* Scudder & Burgess, a species not heretofore recorded from Florida, were found. The complete record will be included in a forthcoming List of Florida Lepidoptera.

Mr. Davis, after commenting on the skilful preparation of Mr. Watson's butterflies, spoke of the abundance of the dogshead butterfly at Wilmington and Southern Pines, N. C., he had noted during the past fortnight and of the excellent wild country near Southport, N. C., where he and Mr. Barber had also collected and where he had been able to personally experience the effects of rattlesnake bite without serious results.

The snake, a small ground rattler, about nine or ten inches long was found disappearing in a pile of bricks, and its identity being unsuspected from the usual rattles being replaced by a small button, was seized by the middle, permitting it to turn and inflict a wound on one finger, followed by great swelling and, by the next morning, some giddiness and much discoloration of the af-

fects parts. The specimen, fortunately young, was shown by Mr. Davis and the inconvenient but interesting experience served to corroborate Cope's mention of its occurrence in North Carolina, for Mr. Brimley's List, without interfering with his insect collecting.

Mr. Barber added some further details of the interest locally excited by Mr. Davis's experience and spoke of the ease with which Southport is reached by Atlantic Coast Line in about eighteen hours, and the excellent prospects for collecting there later in the season. There was no sweeping to speak of in the latter part of April and little sweeping, the collecting being mainly in beating pine and cedar.

Mr. Davis spoke again of some of the friends he had visited, particularly of Mr. and Mrs. Manee, the latter being an able assistant to her husband, obtaining interesting results from trowel investigations of suspicious holes in the ground, and of Mr. Schwarz and H. S. Barber, with his filial devotion to his senior.

Mr. Dow exhibited beetles from Lahaway, offering any desirable specimens to his fellow members, and of the photograph of Mr. Shoemaker, taken to commemorate his fiftieth birthday.